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"THE WORLD'S MOST EFFICIENT NAVAL AIR COMPLEX"

SECNAV presents Bronze Star to Whiting corpsman



Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter presents the Bronze Star to Naval Branch Health Clinic NAS Whiting Field Independent Duty Corpsman and Military Medicine Department Leading Chief HMCS(SW/SCW) Reginald Dean.

Story and photo by Rod Duren

Naval Hospital Pensacola Public Affairs

Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter, on his first official visit to Pensacola since taking office four months ago, presented the Bronze Star to Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) NAS Whiting Field Independent Duty Corpsman and Military Medicine Department Leading Chief HMCS(SW/SCW) Reginald Dean Thursday, June 1, for his heroic life-saving actions following a suicide-bomb explosion near Fort

Tal-Afar in Iraq.

Before the presentation, which was held in front of Naval Hospital (NH) Pensacola, Winter and his wife were afforded the opportunity to visit with staff and tour the hospital's state-of-the-art maternity ward and pharmacy - the second busiest outpatient pharmacy in all of Navy Medicine.

Winter presented the Bronze Star medal to Dean before a specially-chosen, 6-person 'Honor Formation,' and another full contingent of previously-deployed

Naval Hospital personnel. NH Pensacola has been the most deployed U.S. Navy Medicine command over the past 18-to-24 months.

While in Iraq, Dean, who grew up in Northport, Mich., was attached as Senior Enlisted Medical Advisor and Combat Corpsman to a multi-national security transition command called the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team (CMATT). The command trained members of the New Iraqi Army and policemen.

On April 12, 2005, in an area outside of Fort Tal-Afar, Dean rushed to the scene of a suicide-bomb explosion that reportedly had killed numerous Iraqi Army soldiers and civilians; and there were scores injured.

Without regard to the inherent danger, Dean rode to the scene in a "thin-skinned" Iraqi ambulance. On scene, he took control of the situation, determined there were 10 wounded, and began triage. Among the wounded under his care was a 4-year-old boy with head injuries.

The senior chief continued to provide care to the child and readied him for a helicopter medical evacuation flight, both of which greatly enhanced the boy's chances of survival.

Over the eight months he was

in Iraq, Dean was the primary provider to render life-saving emergency care during six separate mass casualty situations to more than 45 wounded soldiers and civilians.

Dean's return to NBHC NAS Whiting Field marked the third northern Gulf Coast Navy command to which he has been assigned over his 22-year career. He also served at NH Pensacola and NBHC Corry Station; as well as with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMBC) One at Gulfport, Miss.

The 'Honor Formation' at the Pensacola award ceremony was a symbolic representation of NH Pensacola personnel's deployments throughout the world - Iraq, Afghanistan, Horn of Africa, Republic of Georgia, and Cuba. The 6-person formation included two Navy Surgeons - Capt. John Perciballi of Chelmsford, Mass., (OIF/Republic of Georgia) and Cmdr. Lach Noyes of Pensacola (two tours of Iraq); Purple Heart recipients HM1 Dexter Lewis of Gadsden, Ala.; HM3 Jonathan Bryant of Lebeau, La. and Army Reserve Sgt. James E. Terrell Jr., of Pensacola (all wounded in Iraq); and Lt. j.g. Kimberlee Flannery (Joint Task Force Nurse at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba) of Chillicothe, Ohio.

Whiting community holds HT-8 crew in thoughts, prayers

From NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

On Tuesday, May 30, at approximately 11:45 a.m., a TH-57 helicopter with an HT-8 crew aboard, went down while on a routine training mission. The crash occurred in a heavily wooded area just outside of

Milton, five miles west of the air station. The HT-8 crew, a Navy Instructor Pilot, one Navy and one Marine Student Aviator, were aboard.

Killed in the crash was HT-8 Student Naval Aviator Lt.j.g. Jessee Tunnell of Anaheim, Calif. A memorial

service for Tunnell is being planned. The entire NAS Whiting Field Community offers condolences to the family of Lt.j.g. Tunnell.

The Instructor Pilot and Student Marine Corps Aviator were transported by LifeFlight helicopter to West Florida

Hospital, where they are being treated for their injuries. The entire NAS Whiting Field Community has both officers and their families in our thoughts and prayers and wishes them a speedy recovery.

FFSC announces June classes

Stress Management

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8-9 a.m.

Are you constantly thinking about work? Are you having trouble sleeping? Having trouble staying focused? The Fleet and Family Support Center has solutions. Module 1: Self-care, Module 2: Relaxation and Visualization, Module 3: Study Skills and Learning Techniques, Module 4: Power of Positive Thinking and Success.

"Prime Time For Tots"

Mondays, 1-3 p.m.

An educational play group for parents and their children ages 0-5 years old. Playtime with toys and play-mats are provided. Videos and handouts for parents are viewed and discussed. No cost or registration is required. Class will be held at the Whiting Pines Community Center.

Ten Steps to a Federal Job

Monday, June 5, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

"Is it worth your while to invest your time and effort in searching and applying for a Federal Job?" If your answer is "yes" then you need to attend this class in order to learn how to prepare the best application possible. You will learn how to read an announcement, analyze core competencies for language, analyze vacancy listings for keywords, and how to apply for jobs.

Common Sense Parenting For Ages 5-18

**Tuesdays, June 6 and 13,
6-8 p.m. each night**

Common Sense Parenting: Unfortunately, children do not come with instruction manuals. As a result, FFSC is holding a class that will provide you with tools that will equip you with

the skills for raising responsible and well-adjusted children.

Thrift Savings Plan

Thursday, June 8, 1-3 p.m.

Start investing for your future now. The money you save and earn through your TSP account will provide an important source of retirement income.

Anger Management

Tuesday, June 13, 2-3 p.m.

Is anger affecting your health, your relationships or your work performance? Learn to understand the causes and effects of unhealthy anger and how to express and release that anger in a healthy way!

To register for a class, call 623-7177

Career Corner

Congratulations to the following NAS Whiting Field petty officers, selected for advancement from the E-4 – E-6 March Exam Cycle:

ABH1 Alberto J. Alicea-Bonilla

ABH1 Dameon Barber

ABH1 Rhoads O. Brown

ABH1 Donya Q. Craig

AC2 Matthew C. Brink

ABH2 Jeffrey A. Garcia

AC2 Rachel L. Gruber

ABH2 Lonnie A. Hancock

ABH2 Aaron M. Helms

ABH2 Andrew B. Kettler

ABH2 Hyun S. Ko

ABH2 Kourtney L. Osborne

ABH2 Benjamin A. Penrod

AC2 Mark F. Sims

ABH2 Randy Valentin, Jr.

ABH2 Clint W. Vaughan

AC2 John W. Vernon

ABH2 Chad H. Whitta

AC2 John W. Womack

AC3 Jake E. Arnold

AC3 Edmund F. Granton

AC3 Chelsea K. Kindell

RP3 Joseph M. Pendantonga

Well done!



Whiting Park Active Duty June Special (ski boats), 623-2383

Ski boats are available at Whiting Park every Monday for just \$12, plus fuel! Boats, gas, sheltered pavilions and warm weather - what more could you want in order to plan your outdoor activities at the park? Remember, make your reservations early!

Yoga With Hallie, 623-7283

Relax with Yoga With Hallie at the Whiting Pines Community Center on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, beginning at 12 p.m. The cost is \$30 for a 5-class punch card. Open to all authorized patrons.

Scuba Classes, 623-7274

Interested in swimming with the fish? Call the Liberty Center for the next class schedule.

Free Friday Night Movies, call 623-7383 for movie schedule

All authorized patrons are welcome to enjoy our state of the art video and sound system. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Showtime is 6 p.m.

Wings Club menu specials June 5-9

Monday: Country Fried Steak/Salisbury Steak

Tuesday: Lasagna

Wednesday: Fried Chicken/Chicken Livers

Thursday: Chef's Choice

Friday: Catfish

Upcoming events

June - 22nd Annual Northwest Florida Rivers Cleanup begins and runs through August.

DEFY registration now underway. Contact HM2 Nevarez at 623-7508, ext. 162 or YN1 Self at 623-7780.

18 - Father's Day.

In the Spotlight

T-34 flightline supervisor honored for coaching and community service



By Chris Blount

Communications Manager
L-3 Vertex Aerospace

Alonzo Samuel, L-3 Vertex Aerospace Flightline Expediter on the T-34 program at NAS Whiting Field, was recently presented with the 2005 Emerald Coast Youth Sports Association Community Leadership Award for his excellent work and community service as a volunteer football coach.

Samuel, who has been working with the T-34 program since 1978 and a Vertex employee since 1990, has been coaching football in Milton for the past 20 years. Howie Comer, the commissioner for the association, stated: "Coach Samuel has distinguished himself by going above and beyond the realm of coaching, reaching out to the youth of his community. Whether it's from collecting donations for registration fees or driving through the community bringing kids to the park, Coach Samuel has truly made a difference in the City of Milton. Coach Samuel, also a pastor, spends a great deal of his time before and after his practices mentoring youth and leading by example with sound Christian fundamentals and principles.

"Over the years he has gained not only the respect and trust of his community, but the respect and trust of organizations, coaches and parents throughout the Emerald Coast," Comer continued. "On behalf of the Emerald Coast Youth Sports Association and our 10,000 members, I am honored to have Alonzo Samuel within our organization."

Chaplain's note

NAS Whiting Field Chaplains' Office (Bldg 1401, 623-7211)

Weekly Bible Study Hour - Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fleet and Family Support Center Conference Room. Lunch is provided free of charge.

Counseling - The Chaplains are available for a variety of counseling needs: personal, spiritual, pre-marital and work related. All sessions are confidential.

In the news



New DLA initiatives to improve DoD's hurricane, disaster response

With hurricane season now underway, three new initiatives have officials at the Defense Logistics Agency headquarters confident they're more prepared than ever to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency if needed. For more on this story, visit <<http://www.defenselink.mil>>.

Committee reviewing military compensation system

A yearlong review of total military compensation could eventually result in streamlined allowances and a fundamental shift in thinking on how the uniformed services pay members and retirees. For more on this story, visit <<http://www.defenselink.mil>>.

VA urges caution after theft of personal information

Veterans Affairs officials announced the theft of personal information on up to 26.5 million veterans on May 22. However, VA Secretary R. James Nicholson stressed there's no indication the information is being used for purposes of fraud.

DoD offers free anti-spyware for personal use

The Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) has licensed free anti-spyware software for all government employees and armed forces personnel for use on personal computer systems. For more on this story, visit <<http://www.news.navy.mil>>.

24/7 summer campaign aims to save lives

The Naval Safety Center, in partnership with the Marine Corps Safety Division, launched a new theme for this year's Critical Days of Summer campaign called 24/7 Operation Summer Force Preservation. For more on this story, visit <<http://www.news.navy.mil>>.

Safety tips - Swimming pools and kids

From the Naval Safety Center

- If you're at a pool with children who are either very young or who can't swim, don't leave them alone, even if they aren't in the water.
- If you are taking care of an infant or toddler, don't let them out of arm's reach.
- Learn a little about rescue swimming and take a CPR course. You never know when you might have to rescue someone.
- Fence the pool. Most places have strict, detailed rules about fences and gates. A common rule is that the gates automatically close and latch, and that the latch is too high for small children to reach. Enclose the pool completely with a self-locking, self-closing fence with vertical bars. Other rules for fences may specify the allowable gap between the boards or bars, and may call for alarms on doors leading to the pool.
- Make sure you have life preservers handy.
- Inflatable "swimming aids" are little more than toys. Non-swimmers who use them may literally get in over their heads. If they are depending on an inflatable device that either deflates or gets away from them, they're in trouble.



Photo by Tom Thomas

Aviation Maintenance Officer School Class 06090

Naval Aviation Training Group Detachment Milton Aviation Maintenance Officer School Class 06090 graduated May 23. Front row, from left, Maj. Mike Marko, Maj. Todd Ferry, CWO2 Todd Seidorf, Ensign James Sabin, Ensign Mark Demaree, Ensign Charles Stamps IV, CWO3 Paul Miller, Ensign Kevin Follett and CWO2 Lionel Toomer. Back row, Maj. George Rowell, Class Leader, Maj. Matthew Robbins, Maj. Christopher Robinson, Ensign Aaron Kastrup, Ensign Joseph Laney, Ensign James Keith, CWO2 John Kovar and Ensign William Turner.



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Academic Achievement Awards May 25

Commander, Training Air Wing Five Capt. David Maloney presents Academic Achievement Awards to Lt. Nicholas L. Mollenhauer, Lt. j.g. Brett R. Kirk and 2nd Lt. Clayton S. Ward Thursday, May 25.



Photo by Tom Thomas

Advanced Academic Achievement Awards, May 25

Commander, Training Air Wing Five Capt. David Maloney presents Advanced Academic Achievement Awards to 1st Lt. Ryan D. Colton, 2nd Lt. Gabriel R. Crane, Lt. j.g. Michael R. Gillham, Lt. j.g. Ian A. Hall, 2nd Ben D. Hartley, Lt. j.g. John M. Kirk and Ensign Bradley N. Myslinski Thursday, May 25.